BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 90-425-E - ORDER NO. 90-613

JUNE 11, 1990

Generic Proceeding Concerning the Confidentiality of Coal Contracts INSTITUTING

In the most recent South Carolina Electric and Gas Company (SCE&G) fuel proceeding, Docket No. 90-7-E, an issue was raised by the Consumer Advocate of South Carolina (the Consumer Advocate) concerning the confidentiality of coal contracts. The Consumer Advocate argued that those contracts were not confidential and should be a matter of public record while SCE&G argued that the contracts were confidential and that the Consumer Advocate should have to sign a confidentiality agreement in order to review the The Commission is concerned about this issue and since contracts. it is an issue that will probably continue to arise in future fuel cases, the Commission has determined that a generic proceeding on the confidentiality of coal contracts should be held in which all jurisdictional electric utilities will be made parties and any other interested parties may intervene. All parties will be given notice of the hearing date and dates for prefiling testimony and exhibits in the near future.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- That a generic hearing will be held on the confidentiality of coal contracts at a time to be announced later.
- 2. That all jurisdictional electric utilities are hereby made parties to this docket.
- 3. That this Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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Chairman

ATTEST:

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